

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the deployment of a national missile defense system will violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. It will spark a global nuclear arms race. It will weaken U.S. military by crowding out effective and cheaper means of defending the United States. More than 162 nations, including Russia and China, have signed on to a United Nations resolution for an international ban on weapons in space.

Mr. Speaker, the United States must sign on to that U.N. resolution. The U.S. Space Command calls for expanded war fighting capabilities in outer space.

The guiding words in this country ought to be "thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven," not "war be done in heaven as it is on Earth." Let us work for peace on Earth, not war in space.

NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, nuclear nonproliferation must be the foundation of any U.S. security policy. I have introduced House Resolution 82 to codify this principle; but, unfortunately, a national missile defense system is contrary to nonproliferation.

Mr. Speaker, the British parliament, our closest ally, has put forth two motions, one, to acknowledge the importance of nonproliferation, and the second stating that the reduction and elimination of threat is far wiser than investing in the double and doubtful effectiveness of a missile defense system.

Mr. Speaker, we must allow our allies and we must follow our allies and recognize the principles of nonproliferation. I ask my colleagues to consider the NMDS and reconsider it as it relates to nonproliferation and to support H. Res. 82 that recognizes the true security interests of the United States by supporting total nuclear disarmament.

STEALTH 527 GROUPS:
DISCLOSURE NOW

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, when opponents of campaign finance reform opposed the Shays-Meehan reform bill last year, their alternative was disclose, disclose, disclose; but when asked to require disclosure on section 527 stealth political groups, Republicans cried conceal, conceal, conceal.

During debate on the Shays-Meehan reform bill last fall, the majority whip,

the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), said on this House floor, "What reform can restore accountability more than an open book?"

Last week, the Committee on Ways and Means had a chance to open the books on the shadowy political organizations being set up under section 527 of the Tax Code, but every Republican on the committee voted to keep the books closed on these stealth groups that have reportedly become a favorite tool of the majority whip, according to press accounts. Every Democrat on the committee voted to open the books.

When it comes to campaign finance disclosure, it is time for the Republican leadership to do what they say they believe.

STEVE BRUNS

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a familiar figure to the people in Newport, Oregon, one of the coastal communities in my district. After 37 years with the United States Postal Service, on March 30, Steve Bruns officially hung up his mail bag for good. Since 1963, Steve Bruns through wind and rain, and we have a lot of that on the Oregon coast, has always delivered.

Mr. Speaker, he has been a fixture and a beloved member of the Newport community. Steve is one of the most personable people that you will ever meet, and he is going to be missed on his daily route by the thousands of people that he has touched over the years.

Recently he was honored into the Million Mile Club by the U.S. Postal Service. To be inducted into this exclusive club, one needs to have walked or driven 1 million miles for the Postal Service. This would be equivalent to over 160 round trips from Newport, Oregon, to Washington, D.C. That is a quite a feat.

I commend Mr. Bruns for a job well done and for the commitment and service to his community that he has shown throughout his 37 years to the Postal Service.

SUPPORTING THE BREAST AND
CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT
ACT

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, legislation which will give the States the ability to provide treatment for uninsured and underinsured women battling breast and cervical cancer.

I am pleased that the leadership has finally agreed to bring this critically important legislation to the House

floor for a vote no later than Mother's Day, May 14. There is absolutely no excuse to miss this opportunity to save women's lives in this country.

To date, the bill has 290 bipartisan cosponsors, well over the required number to pass a bill on the Suspension Calendar. In addition, the National Breast Cancer Coalition and over 500 leading health care and women's organizations have said that passage of H.R. 1070 is one of their top priorities this Congress.

Let us give our grandmothers, our mothers, our sisters, and our daughters the gift of life. Let us pass H.R. 1070 at the earliest opportunity.

30 PERCENT SALES TAX IS NOT
TAX REFORM

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the tax deadline, our thoughts go toward tax reform. We ought to have genuine tax reform, code section by code section, unraveling the loopholes and the special interest provisions.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, I regret what the Committee on Ways and Means is doing right now as we sit here. They are considering replacing our existing tax law with a 30 percent sales tax on everything every American buys, from rent to services to goods.

They disguise it as a 23 percent tax. They claim it is a 23 percent tax, and here is their logic. One buys something for 100 bucks, one pays a \$30 tax. They say that is only 23 percent tax on the \$130 total price. It is a 30 percent sales tax.

But the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation says that, in order to be revenue neutral and replace all Federal revenues, the tax would have to be 59.9 percent. All of this so that Steve Forbes can make tens of millions here, spend it on the Italian Riviera, and not pay a penny in American tax.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. CAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding me this time.

I have heard a lot this morning in 1-minutes on campaign finance reform and some tactics used in the Committee on Ways and Means in order to extract it. I did not hear anybody ask for the Vice President's e-mail records. I did not ask anybody to look at the memos from the Justice Department and the FBI about prior scandals in this administration.

Lo and behold, the sad tragedy today is the Justice Department refused to